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Edward F. Briney III**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re. Application of:** VEITCH, Ken  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2004. This response is filed contemporaneously with a petition for a one-month extension, to extend the period for timely reply to November 9, 2004. Commissioner is authorized to charge all fees relating to the extension and any further fees as required to agent's deposit account no. 15-0633. Applicant hereby petitions for a further extension, if required.

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Applicant adds herein new claims 19-37 and cancels claims 4-13 and 15-18. Applicant had already tendered fees for consideration of multiple dependent claims, three independent claims and thirty claims in total. The total number of independent claims is now two, and total pending claims, including multiple dependent claims, is twenty-three. As such, no additional fees are believed to be required for consideration of the newly submitted claims. However, if any such fees are deemed required, Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit such fees from agent's deposit account no. 15-0633.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows, in view of the comments set out herebelow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of claims which beings on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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